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REPRESENTATIVE OF D. C. BADGER—A MAN OF THE PEOPLE.

A. Champion of the Rights of the Whole People and Not a Part—From a Country School Teacher to a Judge and Then to Congress—An Interesting career—An Incident of Mixed Schools in the Western Reserve—Gleanings.

One of the most interesting members of Congress, especially among the new members, is Representative DeWitt C. Badger, who was elected to represent the Columbus, Ohio, district in this Congress. Judge Badger, as he is best known at home, from the fact that prior to his election he had served several terms as Judge of the Common Pleas Court, is a royal good fellow. His attitude on the color question is so at variance with supposed Democratic ideas that one would naturally suppose that Judge Badger was a Republican, but he is not, on the contrary he is a Democrat. The district in Ohio which Judge Badger represents is overwhelmingly Republican, but so popular was Judge Badger with all classes of citizens that he led the Republican candidate, who by the way was one of the brightest men in his party, by fully a thousand votes. Judge Badger is one of those plain every-day sort of men. Has a pleasant word for any one, and is just as contented in the company of a colored man as he would be in the company of the President. With him, it can be said, a man's a man, black or white. Prior to moving to Columbus, Ohio, Judge Badger was a resident of London, Ohio, just about 25 miles southwest of Columbus. In that city he gained official prominence. Prior to beginning the practice of law, he was a country school teacher—all great men begin as school teachers. While a teacher, it is said, a colored man came to him and asked him if he might send his children to his school. His reply was that I have been hired to teach this school, and if you send your children here they will receive the same treatment as any other children. They were admitted by Mr. Badger. Their admittance caused a tremendous fuss among the whites, owing to race

MEN OF THE HOUR.



HON. DEWITT C. BADGER,

Columbus, Ohio.

prejudice. Committees of white men called upon Mr. Badger and insisted that he must not admit colored children, and if he persisted in it they (the whites) would withdraw their children from the school. Judge Badger replied, and stuck to it, that he was hired to teach that school, that the colored children should be admitted, and that he would continue to teach even if every white child was withdrawn and he had only the colored children as pupils. His firmness won, and in time the unchristian and unreasonable prejudice suffered defeat. Every time Judge Badger has run

for office he has received many colored votes, and when he ran for Congress it is said that he received the biggest colored vote ever given to a Democrat in Ohio. The colored man has no better friend than Judge Badger, the Democratic Congressman from Ohio, and should there be any legislation in Congress affecting our race Judge Badger can be relied upon to vote in the interest of the race. Judge Badger is well supplied with this world's goods, but no one would suspect it by his manner of living and

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Organized to Help the Colored Race.

Alfred B. Cosey Explains Objects of the Afro-American Council.

TO WIPE AWAY ALL PREJUDICE.

Mr. Alfred B. Cosey, national organizer of the Afro-American Council, made an address last night on "The Afro-American Council and Its Objects," before the Baptist Ministers' Council of New Jersey, at the Bethany Baptist church, Newark. He said in part:

"The National Afro-American Council was called into being by the necessity of the times. Its mission is to ameliorate, in so far as it can intelligently, wisely and practically do so, the deplorable conditions of our brothers in all parts of the United States, especially in the southern section.

LIVING UNDER A SHADOW.

"The entire colored population of the South are living under the shadow of a condition which they did not create and from which they would gladly emerge, if encouraged by the loyal, conservative Afro-American of the North, East and West, who enjoy civil and political rights in common with other American citizens. It is the aim and ultimate purpose of the National Afro-American Council to incorporate all existing organizations as well as those that are yet to be organized into the body of its membership, without interfering with the constitution, rules or by-laws of any organization except to demand that said organization shall be strictly Republican and work in harmony with the national body, which declared in toto for Republican principles and the nomination and election of President Roosevelt.

FIGHT CONSERVATIVELY.

"It is further the object of the Council to fight a battle of humanity, in a conservative, intelligent, firm and skillful manner, until public sentiment in all parts of our Republic will by common consent accord the Afro-American every right guaranteed any and all American citizens.

"With a firm determination on the

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